

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A method for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
receiving a customer's private data at a server associated with a merchant, said data being received from a customer database that is stored on a communication device associated with a customer, and said data at least concerning preferences of the said customer for goods available from the said merchant; and
checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods ~~as characterized by said data;~~ and
computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.
 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, which further comprises:
receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, which further comprises:
checking a message authentication code for said data.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, which further comprises:
checking a digital signature for said data.
 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving data further comprises:
transmitting ~~the~~ said data from a portable communications device held by ~~the~~ said customer to another communications device associated with ~~the~~ said merchant.
 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said portable communications device is a radio communications device.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said portable communications device is a Bluetooth-enabled radio communications device.
8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said portable communications device is a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP)-enabled radio communications device.
9. (Currently amended) A system for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
a portable wireless device associated with a customer;
a fixed position wireless device associated with a merchant and in communication with said portable wireless device;
said portable wireless device and said fixed position wireless device exchanging data ~~concerning data~~ concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ said merchant; and
a server coupled to said fixed position wireless device, said server checking inventory, based on said data, for goods, ~~as characterized by said data~~ and computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.
10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 9, which further comprises:
said server receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.
11. (Currently amended) A computer program product for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
a computer readable medium;
program code in said computer readable medium for receiving a customer's private data from a customer database that is stored on a customer's device ~~concerning~~ , said data at least concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ a merchant; and

A1 program code in said computer readable medium for checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods, ~~as characterized by said data~~ and computing a price for the said goods.

12. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 11, which further comprises:

program code in said computer readable medium for receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

13. (Currently amended) A business method for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:

receiving a customer's private data from ~~an~~ customer database that is stored on a communication device associated with a customer, said data concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ a merchant; and

checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods ~~as characterized by said data~~; and

computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.

14. (Currently amended) The business method of claim 13, which further comprises:

receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's communication device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

15. (Currently amended) A method for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:

receiving a customer's private data at a server associated with a merchant, said data being received from a customer database that is stored on an insitu communication device associated with a customer, said data concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ said merchant; and

checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods ~~as characterized by said data~~; and

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computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, which further comprises:
receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

17. (Currently amended) A system for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
a portable wireless insitu device associated with a customer;
a fixed position wireless device associated with a merchant and in communication with said portable wireless device;
said ~~[[a]]~~ portable insitu wireless device and said fixed position wireless device exchanging data ~~concerning data~~ concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ said merchant; and
a server coupled to said fixed position wireless device, said server checking inventory, based on said data, for goods, ~~as characterized by said data~~ and computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, which further comprises:
said server receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's potable wireless insitu device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

19. (Currently amended) A computer program product for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
a computer readable medium;
program code in said computer readable medium for receiving a customer's private data from a customer database that is stored on a customer's insitu device concerning, said data concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ a merchant; and

A1 program code in said computer readable medium for checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods, ~~as characterized by said data~~ and computing a price for the said goods.

20. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19, which further comprises:

program code in said computer readable medium for receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's insitu device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

21. (Currently amended) A business method for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:

receiving a customer's private data from a customer database that is stored on an insitu communication device associated with a customer, said data concerning preferences of ~~the~~ said customer for goods available from ~~the~~ a merchant; ~~and~~

checking inventory, based on said customer's private data, for goods ~~as characterized by said data~~; and

computing a price for ~~the~~ said goods.

22. (Currently amended) The business method of claim 21, which further comprises:

receiving a payment authorization from ~~the~~ said customer's insitu communication device and providing to ~~the~~ said customer ~~the~~ said goods.

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receiving, at a server associated with a merchant, data concerning goods previously bought by a customer, said data being received from a customer database on a communication device associated with said customer;

checking inventory for goods, said checking based at least in part on said received data; and

computing a price for said goods.